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ABSTRACT

The circular lists approximately 75 organizations in the United States providing direct and informational services to persons with blindness and physical disabilities. Organizations are classified as nongovernmental (the bulk of the listings) or as federal agencies. Listings include information on title, address, telephone, publications titles and a brief description of the organization's functions. Entries are listed alphabetically by organizational name. It is explained that while the list is not intended to be comprehensive, it is representative of national level organizations. (CL)

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INTRODUCTION

Many of the organizations listed in this circular offer a variety of direct services to handicapped persons. Others are organizations which maintain computerized retrieval systems, serve as clearinghouses or are comprised of volunteer workers who serve the varied needs of the handicapped or their representative organizations.

Federal agencies concerned with handicapped individuals are listed separately and include agencies that serve in an advisory capacity as well as those offering direct service.

This list is not intended to be comprehensive, but representative of national-level organizations. Other organizations on the state and local levels offer similar services and programs.

Persons interested in more detailed information concerning any of the organizations listed should contact them directly. Additional information on organizations concerned with the visually and physically handicapped can be found in the Encyclopedia of Associations, Directory of Organizations Interested in the Handicapped, and Directory of National Information Sources on Handicapping Conditions and Related Services.

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I. NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AAWB/AEVH ALLIANCE
206 North Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone: 703-548-1884
703-836-6060

Principal publications: Yearbook
Education of the Visually Handicapped, quarterly.
Alliance News, bimonthly.

Includes individuals and agencies working for the general welfare of blind persons. Also included are professionals and parents interested in the education and guidance of blind and partially sighted children. They cooperate with educational institutions in expanding opportunities for the visually handicapped person.

ACCENT ON INFORMATION
P. O. Box 700
Bloomington, IL 61701
Telephone: 309-378-2961

Principal publication: Accent on Living, quarterly.

Provides a computerized information retrieval system for the handicapped and those who work with the handicapped. Information provided includes assistive devices (and how to help handicapped people live easier and better).

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF
Volta Bureau
3417 Volta Place, N.W.
Washington, DC 20007
Telephone: 202-337-5220 (voice and TTY)

Principal publications: The Volta Review, 7/year.
Newsounds Newsletter, 10/year.

Promotes education options for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons through advocacy, an information center, publications, and continuing education. Serves deaf persons, parents, professionals, and the general public.

AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION,
RECREATION, AND DANCE
Unit on Programs for the Handicapped
1900 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
Telephone: 703-476-3400, ext. 431

Principal publications: Journal of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, monthly.
Research Quarterly, quarterly.
ABLE BODIES, 4/academic year.

Provides information, publications, consultative and related services on physical education, recreation, and health programs involving handicapped persons.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE
Project on the Handicapped in Science
1776 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone: 202-467-4497

Principal publication: Bulletin on Science and Technology for the Handicapped, quarterly.

An information clearinghouse on handicapped persons and science. Provides technical assistance on science education and encourages the elimination of career and educational barriers to disabled science students and scientists; offers career counseling and information on financial aid to disabled students. Has established a network of scientists, engineers, rehabilitation professionals, and manufacturers of assistive devices to aid disabled scientists and students.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON MENTAL DEFICIENCY
5101 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20016
Telephone: 202-686-5400

Principal publications: American Journal on Mental Deficiency, bimonthly.
Mental Retardation, bimonthly.

Includes professionals and others working for the general welfare of mentally retarded persons; interested in the causes, treatment, and prevention of mental retardation.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND
206 North Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone: 703-548-1884

Principal publication: Blindness, annual (ceased with the 1982-83 edition).

Includes individuals and agencies working for the general welfare of blind persons. (merged with ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATION OF THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED to form AAWB/AEVH ALLIANCE).

AMERICAN COALITION OF CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES
1200 15th Street, N.W., Suite 201
Washington, DC 20005
Telephone: 202-785-4265

Principal publications: The Coalition, quarterly.
ACCD Action, irregular.

Helps to enhance the human and civil rights of disabled people through research and training on education, vocational rehabilitation and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; disseminates information.

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND
1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 506
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone: 202-833-1251
Toll-Free: 800-424-8666

Principal publications: Braille Forum, monthly.

A national membership organization composed primarily of blind and visually impaired persons. Provides legal, educational, consultative, financial, and advisory services to individuals, agencies, and organizations.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
2 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Telephone: 212-683-7444

Principal publication: Diabetes Forecast, bimonthly.

Promotes medical research and disseminates information on diabetes.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND
15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
Telephone: 212-620-2000

Principal publication: Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness, monthly.

Serves as a clearinghouse for information about blindness; offers professional consultation to governmental and voluntary agencies for the blind; publishes extensive material on blindness; sells consumer products for blind persons.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
Telephone: 312-944-6780

Principal publication: Interface, quarterly.

Promotes library services for persons with visual, physical, health, and/or behavioral problems; furthers the development of standards for materials, services, and personnel; encourages cooperation among agencies and organizations in publicizing and implementing library service to handicapped persons.

AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
1383 Piccard Drive, Suite 300
Rockville, MD 20850
Telephone: 301-948-9626

Principal publications: American Journal of Occupational Therapy, 12/year.
Federal Report, 6/year.

Includes registered occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants working to improve the practice of occupational therapy; disseminates information about the profession and its services.

AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
1111 North Fairfax Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone: 703-684-APTA

Principal publications: Physical Therapy, monthly.
Clinical Management in Physical Therapy, quarterly.
Progress Report, monthly.

Serves the public and its membership by promoting the improvement of physical therapy education, practice, and research.

AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND, INC.
1839 Frankfort Avenue
P. O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206
Telephone: 502-895-2405

Principal publications: Catalogs of braille, recorded, large type books, and educational aids.

Provides textbooks at less than college level, literature, and educational aids for the blind; conducts research in specific problems relating to the selection and preparation of textbooks and educational aids. Maintains the Central Catalog, a listing of school textbooks in braille, large type, and recorded formats. Sells consumer products for blind persons.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION
1314 Spring Street, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30309
Telephone: 404-872-7100

Promotes research into the causes and cure of arthritis. Seventy-one local chapters.

ARTHRITIS INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE
P. O. Box 9782
Arlington, VA 22209
Telephone: 703-558-8250

Principal publication: Arthritis Information Clearinghouse Memo, irregular.

Assists health professionals by identifying print and audiovisual educational materials concerned with arthritis and related musculoskeletal diseases. Screens, collects and organizes information on arthritic conditions from a variety of sources.

ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES
4156 Library Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234
Telephone: 412-341-1515

Principal publication: Newsbriefs, bimonthly.

Includes parents of children with learning disabilities and interested professionals; disseminates public information.

ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATION OF THE VISUALLY
HANDICAPPED
206 North Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone: 703-836-6060

Principal publication: Education of the Visually Handicapped, quarterly.

Includes professionals and parents interested in the education and guidance of blind and partially sighted children, cooperates with educational institutions to expand opportunities for the visually handicapped. (merged with AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND to form AAWB/AEVH ALLIANCE).

ASSOCIATION FOR THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED
7010 Roosevelt Way, N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115
Telephone: 206-523-8446

Principal publications: The Association for the Severely Handicapped Newsletter, monthly.
TASH Journal, quarterly.

Advocacy organization for the rights of handicapped persons in legal proceedings. Disseminates current information on solutions to problems, research findings, trends and practices relevant to individuals who experience severely handicapping conditions.

ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS
2501 Avenue J, P. O. Box 6109
Arlington, TX 76011
Telephone: 817-640-0204

Principal publication: The Arc, 4/year

Works to promote research, legislation, and public understanding through local chapters of parents, professionals, and others interested in the mentally retarded.

BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION
1735 DeSales Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone: 202-347-4010

Principal publication: BVA Bulletin, bimonthly.

Assists blinded veterans in obtaining federal, state, and local benefits and general rehabilitation; works with employers and blinded veterans in obtaining jobs.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Education/Handicapped Relationships Service
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75062
Telephone: 214-659-2127

Works to include handicapped boys in scouting activities, girls in exploring activities; provides scout handbooks in special media for the handicapped.

CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND
1929 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M4G 4C8
CANADA
Telephone: 416-486-2554

Principal publication: National News of the Blind, semiannual.

Provides comprehensive rehabilitation and vocational training services for visually impaired persons in Canada; free library services and prevention of blindness programs.

COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
1920 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
Telephone: 703-620-3660

Principal publication: Exceptional Children, 6/year

Serves as a clearinghouse for information on exceptional children in the nationwide Educational Resources Information Center(ERIC) network; publishes materials on special education.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
807 Maine Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20023
Telephone: 202-554-3501

Principal publication: DAV Magazine, monthly.

Includes veterans with service-connected disabilities. An auxiliary is open to women relatives of disabled veterans.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A.
Program Management
830 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022
Telephone: 212-940-7519

Provides girls with special needs with the same troop and camp experiences enjoyed by girls without disabilities.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF AMERICA, INC.
9200 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814
Telephone: 301-530-6500

Provides vocational rehabilitation and employment services for handicapped adults through 177 local Goodwill agencies in the U.S. and Canada.

HADLEY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093
Telephone: 312-446-8111

Principal publication: Student Information Bulletin, annual.

Offers correspondence courses in both braille and recorded form to blind and deaf-blind students and adults. Services are free and worldwide.

HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL, INC.
22 West 17th Street
New York, NY 10011
Telephone: 212-620-2100 or 620-2090

Principal publication: HKI Report, 4/year.

Establishes projects to prevent blindness, primarily among malnourished children in poor developing countries; conducts low-cost, self-help training programs for blind children and adults in which they learn vital daily living and vocational skills.

HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER FOR DEAF-BLIND
YOUTHS AND ADULTS
111 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050
Telephone: 516-944-8900 (voice and TTY)

Principal publication: Nat-cent News, 3/year

Provides assessment of physical and psychosocial functioning of deaf-blind youths and adults; comprehensive individualized rehabilitation training; training for workers of other agencies and community education programs; acts as a resource center; designs and develops research programs and sensory aids for deaf-blind persons.

HUMAN RESOURCE CENTER
I. U. Willets Road
Albertson, NY 11507
Telephone: 516-747-5400

Serves as a center for vocational rehabilitation and special education of the handicapped. Disseminates information and program models and conducts comprehensive evaluation and training programs.

INFORMATION CENTER FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES
20 Park Plaza, Room 330
Boston, MA 02116
Telephone: 617-727-5540; (within MA: 800-462-5015)
TTY: 617-727-5236

Principal publication: TOGETHER, (Newsletter)

Assists individuals with disabilities in learning about the appropriate resources, agencies, and information which promote a more independent lifestyle.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
300 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60570
Telephone: 312-986-1700

Principal publication: The Lion Magazine, monthly.

Local groups of business and professional persons devoted to community service. Supports sight conservation and work for the blind.

MAINSTREAM, INC.
1200 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005
Telephone: 202-833-8085

Principal publication: In The Mainstream, bimonthly.

Provides information for consumers, business, and government on affirmative action in employment for disabled persons. Project LINK is a national model job development and placement program for disabled applicants, with offices in Dallas, Texas and Washington, D.C.

MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION
1275 Mamaroneck Avenue
White Plains, NY 10605
Telephone: 914-428-7100

Principal publications: Maternal/Newborn Advocate, quarterly
Special Events in Action, irregular.
The Volunteer, quarterly.

Supports programs of research, medical service, and public and professional health education aimed at prevention of birth defects.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
1800 North Kent Street
Arlington, VA 22209
Telephone: 703-528-6405

Principal publication: Focus, bimonthly.

Primarily an advocacy and public education organization. The association and its chapters work for legislation affecting the rights and treatment of the mentally ill, for improved community-based treatment facilities, and for increased understanding and awareness of mental health issues.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION
810 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019
Telephone: 212-586-0808

Principal publication: MDA News, bimonthly.

Supports research into the causes and cure of muscular dystrophy and related diseases; offers patient services through 176 chapters nationwide.

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS FOUNDATION
15 East 26th Street
New York, NY 10010
Telephone: 212-889-8157

Principal publication: Update, monthly.

Includes lay and professional persons concerned with the causes and cure of myasthenia gravis. Promotes research and conducts professional and public education programs.

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR AGENCIES
SERVING THE BLIND AND VISUALLY HANDICAPPED
79 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Telephone: 212-683-8581

Principal publication: The Standard-Bearer, 3/year.

Develops standards and administers a voluntary program of accreditation for organizations that provide direct services to blind and visually handicapped persons. Produces self-study and evaluation guides.

NATIONAL AMPUTATION FOUNDATION
12-45 150th Street
Whitestone, NY 11357
Telephone: 212-767-0596

Principal publication: The Amp, monthly.

Aids all amputees in employment, social, and mental rehabilitation.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HEARING AND SPEECH ACTION
10801 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
Telephone: 301-897-8682

Principal publications: Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders, quarterly.
Journal of Speech and Hearing Research, quarterly.

Includes speech pathologists and audiologists concerned with the study of communication and the investigation of disorders of communication.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED
305 East 24th Street
New York, NY 10010
Telephone: 212-889-3141

Includes individuals with partial vision, parents of children with partial vision, and professionals and paraprofessionals in the field; distributes large print textbooks and other reading materials for the partially seeing; serves as a national clearinghouse of information about available services. Offers informational materials concerning impaired vision, much in large type, for the layman and the professional.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
814 Thayer Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Telephone: 301-587-1788 (voice and TDD)

Principal publication: The Deaf American, 8/year.

An organization of adult deaf persons dedicated to improving their economic, social, and legal status. Programs include communication skills, rehabilitation and training, legal defense against discrimination, and the sale of books about deafness.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
76 Elm Street
London, OH 43140
Telephone: 614-852-1664

Principal publication: NAPH National Newsletter, quarterly.

Promotes the welfare of physically handicapped persons through local chapters.

NATIONAL BRAILLE ASSOCIATION INC.
422 Clinton Avenue, South
Rochester, NY 14620
Telephone: 716-232-7770

Principal publication: NBA Bulletin, quarterly.

Includes volunteers who transcribe materials, persons who use those materials, and professional workers with the blind; operates the Braille Book Bank which provides college students with braille copies of textbooks for less than cost; maintains a Reader-Transcriber Registry to provide blind readers with personal items helpful in work, recreation, and daily living; maintains a braille collection of standard tables found in mathematics and related disciplines.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR A BARRIER FREE
ENVIRONMENT
1015 15th Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005
Telephone: 202-466-6896

Principal publications: Report, bimonthly.
Access Information Bulletins, irregular

Provides information, education, and technical assistance services on the creation of physical facilities which are accessible to persons with disabilities. Principal services include an information clearinghouse, publications sales, national network of technical assistance providers, conferences and seminars, and public information programs.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE, ARTS FOR THE HANDICAPPED
Kennedy Center Education Program
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Washington, DC 20566
Telephone: 202-332-6980
TTY: 202-293-3989

Principal publication: The Articulator, monthly.

Disseminates information about arts programs and activities by, with, and for disabled individuals; promotes education in the arts for disabled children and youth; provides funds for Very Special Arts Festival Programs.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORGANIZATIONS OF THE
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, INC.
16630 Beverly Avenue
Tinley Park, IL 60477
Telephone: 312-532-3566

Principal publication: COPH Bulletin, quarterly.

Promotes employment, legislation, education, rehabilitation, and equal rights for physically handicapped persons through member organizations.

NATIONAL EASTER SEAL SOCIETY
2023 West Ogden Avenue
Chicago, IL 60612
Telephone: 312-243-8400

Principal publication: Rehabilitation Literature, bimonthly.

Carries out programs of services for persons with disabling conditions including public education, production and distribution of rehabilitation-related publications, research into causes, prevention, and treatment of handicapping conditions, and advocacy efforts to insure the rights of people with handicaps.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
Telephone: 301-659-9314

Principal publication: Braille Monitor, monthly.

Works toward the complete integration of blind persons into society through state and local organizations of blind persons.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND
Rehabilitation Services Division
524 Hamburg Turnpike
Wayne, NJ 07470
Telephone: 201-595-9200

Liaison between workshops for the blind and federal government procurement representatives. Provides information about standards and requirements for association with NIB and assistance in establishing new workshops for blind and multi-handicapped persons.

NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER FOR HANDICAPPED
CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013

Disseminates information on handicapping conditions, special education, and related programs and services for handicapped children and youth.

NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY
205 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017
Telephone: 212-986-3240

Principal publication: Inside MS, 4/year.

Supports and coordinates research on multiple sclerosis; provides services and programs to persons with multiple sclerosis and their families; offers public information services.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY
2100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 232
Washington, DC 20037
Telephone: 202-293-5960
TDD: 202-293-5968

Principal publication; Report, quarterly.

Works with committees and organizations at the local, state, and national levels to expand opportunities for all citizens with disabilities. Promotes the Decade of Disabled Persons (1983-1992).

NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
633 South Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone: 703-836-0850

Principal publication: Journal of Rehabilitation, quarterly.

A membership organization for professionals and others interested in the advancement of rehabilitation services to all disabled persons. Chapters in all states.

NATIONAL REHABILITATION INFORMATION CENTER
The Catholic University of America
4407 Eighth Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20017
Telephone: 202-635-5826
TDD: 202-635-5884
ABLEDATA: 202-635-6090

Provides information on all aspects of rehabilitation; prepares bibliographies and assists in answering specific questions. Two computerized data bases--REHABDATA (bibliographic information) and ABLEDATA (information on commercially available equipment) can be accessed for a fee.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM
1234 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 1017
Washington, DC 20005
Telephone: 202-783-0125

Principal publication: The Advocate, bimonthly.

Consists of persons interested in the welfare of children and adults with severe disorders of communication and behavior; serves as a centralized source of information on autistic persons.

NATIONAL SOCIETY TO PREVENT BLINDNESS
79 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Telephone: 212-684-3505

Principal publication: SightSaving, quarterly.

Sponsors programs of public and professional education, research, and community services in the area of sight conservation.

NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY ASSOCIATION
369 Elliot Street
Newton Upper Falls, MA 02164
Telephone: 617-964-0521

Principal publication: Paraplegia Life, bimonthly.

Works to improve physical and vocational rehabilitation of persons with spinal cord injuries; promotes legislation of benefit to the handicapped and research into a cure for paralysis through regeneration.

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY
549 Millburn Avenue
Short Hills, NJ 07073
Telephone: 201-376-4903

Collects used eyeglasses for redistribution and provides free prescription glasses to the needy on request.

THE ORTON DYSLEXIA SOCIETY
724 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21204
Telephone: 301-296-0232

Principal publications; Annals of Dyslexia (formerly Bulletin of The Orton Society), annual.
Perspectives on Dyslexia, quarterly.

Disseminates information and publications; promotes research in the study, treatment, and possible prevention of dyslexia. Membership includes professional persons interested in the field, dyslexics and parents of dyslexics. There are twenty-six branches in the United States and one in Canada and in Bermuda.

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA
PVA National Building
801 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006
Telephone: 202-USA-1300

Principal publication: Paraplegia News, monthly.

Sponsors improved benefits, legislation, employment opportunities, and wheelchair sports programs for paralyzed veterans. Provides various services, and aids and appliances for daily living needs.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE FOUNDATION
William Black Medical Research Building
640-650 West 168th Street
New York, NY 10023
Telephone: 212-923-4700
212-694-3480

Raises funds for and supports research into the causes, cure, and prevention of Parkinson's Disease; prepares and distributes information on patient care and rehabilitation. Assists in the establishment of self-help groups. Disseminates information to professionals and lay groups regarding research and improvements in therapy.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE COMMITTEE
FOR THE HANDICAPPED
1111 20th Street, N.W., Room 660
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone: 202-653-5007

Principal publications: Newsletter, quarterly.
Directory of Organizations Interested in the Handicapped, biennial.

An organization of individuals concerned with the circumstances of handicapped people throughout the world.

RECORDING FOR THE BLIND, INC.
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
Telephone: 609-452-0606

Principal publications: Recording for the Blind Newsletter, semiannual.
Catalogue of Recorded Texts, (every three years plus yearly supplements).

Supplies taped educational materials free of charge to visually, physically, and perceptually handicapped students and professionals in the United States and abroad. Master tape library contains more than 60,000 volumes. Trained volunteers operating at twenty-eight recording studios located throughout the U.S. record several thousand additional titles each year.

REGIONAL RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTER
FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS
Moss Rehabilitation Hospital
12th Street and Tabor Road
Philadelphia, PA 19141
Telephone: 215-329-5715

Provides information and documents relating to physical disabilities, services, and programs to disabled persons, professionals, and the general public. Services include REHABLINE, a pre-taped telephone message system of disability-related topics; the Travel Information Center which includes information on accessibility of accommodations, tourist sites and modes of transportation; and ABLEDATA, a computerized file of rehabilitation and disability-oriented products.

REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL U.S.A.
1123 Broadway
New York, NY 10010
Telephone: 212-620-4040

Principal publication: Rehabilitation/World, quarterly.

Members include voluntary national organizations and individuals concerned with the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped. Collects, compiles, and disseminates international information relative to rehabilitation; operates the International Rehabilitation Film Review Library which rents and sells rehabilitation films from the U.S. and foreign countries; promotes and organizes international rehabilitation conferences and seminars.

RP FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS
8331 Mindale Circle
Baltimore, MD 21207
Telephone: 301-655-1011
TTY: 301-655-1190
Toll-free outside Maryland: 800-638-5682

Provides an information and referral service regarding the group of eye diseases known as retinal degenerations; funds research relating to their causes, treatment, and prevention.

SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
343 South Dearborn Street, Suite 317
Chicago, IL 60604
Telephone: 312-663-1562
Toll-free: 800-624-3141

Principal publication: Insights, bimonthly.

Provides support and information to families and individuals with spina bifida; funds research and training programs for the public and professionals dealing with care and treatment; operates an information referral service for families; produces informational publications for professionals and consumers.

TELEPHONE PIONEERS OF AMERICA
195 Broadway, Room C-1837
New York, NY 10007
Telephone: 212-393-2512

Principal publication: The Telephone Pioneer, quarterly.

Includes active and retired senior telephone system employees performing such volunteer services as repair of talking book machines, braille transcription, hospital services, and inventing aids for the handicapped.

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION, INC.
66 East 34th Street
New York, NY 10016
Telephone: 212-481-6300

Principal publication: UC People, etc., bimonthly.

Serves persons with cerebral palsy and other disabilities in such areas as education, therapy, advocacy, recreation, research, and training through state and local affiliates.

II. FEDERAL AGENCIES

ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS
COMPLIANCE BOARD
Mary E. Switzer Building, Room 1010
330 C Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202
Telephone: 202-245-1591 (voice and TDD)

Responsible for enforcing the Architectural Barriers Act (PL 90-480) which requires that most buildings and facilities constructed or leased by the federal government since 1969 be accessible to handicapped persons. Promotes the elimination of transportation, housing, and communication barriers to the handicapped.

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION
U. S. Department of Justice
Federal Enforcement Office, Room 4712
10th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530
Telephone: 202-633-3831

Responsible for coordinating the enforcement within federal agencies of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps.

NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD 20205
Telephone: 301-496-5248

Conducts and supports basic and applied research related to the causes, natural history, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disorders of the eye and visual system, and in related fields.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HANDICAPPED RESEARCH
U. S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenuue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202
Telephone: 202-245-0565

Awards grants to and contracts with public and private agencies for research and demonstration of methods, procedures, and devices to assist in vocational and other rehabilitation services to handicapped individuals. Funds Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers and Rehabilitation Engineering Centers.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL AND
COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS AND STROKE
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD 20014
Telephone: 301-496-5751

Supports and conducts research on neurological, sensory, and communicative disorders.

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND
AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
Library of Congress
1291 Taylor Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20542
Telephone: 202-287-5100

Principal publications: Talking Book Topics, bimonthly.
Braille Book Review, bimonthly.
News, quarterly.
Update, quarterly.

Provides a free library service of braille and recorded reading materials to visually and physically handicapped persons through a network of cooperating regional and subregional libraries across the country.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND RESOURCES
FOR THE HANDICAPPED
U. S. Department of Education
Mary E. Switzer Building, Room 3119
330 C Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202
Telephone: 202-245-0196

Principal publication : Programs for the Handicapped, bimonthly.

Serves as a central clearinghouse for information, research, and resources relating to handicapped people.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
U. S. Department of Education
400 6th Street, S.W. (Donahoe Building)
Washington, DC 20202
Telephone: 202-245-9661

Administers the Education of the Handicapped Act and related programs concerning the education of handicapped children.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF
THE HANDICAPPED
1111 20th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210
Telephone: 202-653-5044

Promotes maximal employment opportunities for the handicapped and sponsors the annual Employ-the-Handicapped Week.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MENTAL RETARDATION
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
Telephone: 202-245-7634

Recommends federal action where needed, promotes coordination and cooperation among public and private agencies, and encourages better public understanding of mentally retarded persons.

REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
U. S. Department of Education
300 C Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
Telephone: 202-245-0918

Administers the Randolph-Shepherd Act which gives priority to blind persons in the operation of vending stands on federal property. Also provides guidance and administers grants to the states for vocational rehabilitation of the disabled.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
6401 Security Building
Baltimore, MD 21235

Administers the federal retirement, survivors, and disability insurance programs and the supplemental security income program. For information call local office listed in the telephone directory under Social Security Administration. These offices can also provide information on Medicare, the federal health insurance program for aged and disabled people. Medicare is administered by the Health Care Financing Administration.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
941 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20421
Telephone: 202-0275-1397

Provides rehabilitation programs for disabled veterans, including medical, education, and counseling services.

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Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20542

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